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LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION for FIRE HAZARD VEGETATION REMOVAL

Date:	BLM Field Office:
Name:	Phone No.:
Address:	Township , Range , Section

By means of this letter, you are authorized to remove vegetation from contiguous BLM-administered public lands up to a maximum of 100 feet distance from significant structures (e.g. home, barn, garage, shop). This letter of authorization is valid for one year from the date on this letter, and is subject to the stipulations outlined below.

What you can do. You may cut and remove trash, leaves, grasses, weeds, dead brush and limbs by hand and as appropriate with a string cutter (weed whacker), a lawn mower, a riding mower, or deck mower with a light pneumatic tired tractor of less than 45 Horsepower. You may use a chainsaw or pruners to remove dead trees, and branches of trees up to a height of six feet. You may significantly cut vegetation in the first fifty (50) feet, and may leave attractive shrubs. You may use a chipper (if moved on site by hand) and spread the chips over the cleared area. You may remove dead material in the last 50 to 100 feet to create a pleasing mosaic appearance of cleared vegetation with interspersed live shrubs.

What you must do. You must use fuel powered equipment with a USDA Forest Service approved spark arrestor. You must have fire suppression tools present to reduce your liability if you were to set a fire, these can include shovels, hoes, a garden hose. A fire extinguisher is required. You must have the approval of BLM prior to starting work and this letter in your possession on site. You must remove cut vegetation within 14 days of cutting. You must notify BLM immediately upon finding any historical artifacts.

What you cannot do. You must not use fuel powered equipment on Red Fag Fire days. You cannot burn cut vegetation on BLM lands. You may not use herbicides or other chemical treatments such as Round Up. You may not exceed the 100 feet from previously agreed upon significant structures. You may not disturb or scrape the soil with hand tools or equipment. You may not cut down live trees. You may not disturb active bird nests. You may not reseed or plant the BLM areas. You may not block public access on BLM Lands, nor disturb survey makers. You may not cut returning weeds or plants without first notifying the Authorized Officer.

What you need to know. Violation of these stipulations may result in revocation of this and future authorizations. Federal trespass proceedings may result. It is important under Federal Law to not exceed the 100 feet authorization, as greater clearance will require additional environmental review and may require consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Notes on specific property:

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If you have any questions, please contact one of the staff specialists listed below. We appreciate your interest in the public lands.

Sincerely,

Gail Acheson
Field Manager

NEPA REVIEW and CONCURRENCE

Specialist Name & Title	Initial	Phone
Biologist:		
Archaeologist:		
Fire Staff:		

The environmental effects of the fuels reduction project described in this letter of authorization, was analyzed in programmatic environmental assessment (EA) number CA-660-05-38. Additional site specific environmental review was conducted before issuance of this letter of authorization.